



Savannah - Chatham County Historic Site & Monument Commission

Arthur A. Mendonsa Room
April 3, 2025, 4:00 p.m,
MINUTES

April 3, 2025 Savannah Chatham County Historic Site Monument Commission Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Catherine Kolstilnik, Chair
Eileen Baker
Austin Rojas
Randy Tate

MEMBER ABSENT:

STAFF: Jonathan Mellon, Director of Historic Preservation
Caitlin Chamberlain, Principal Planner, Historic Preservation
Bri Morgan, Administrative Assistant II, Historic Preservation
Hind Patel, IT

I. Call to Order and Welcome

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve the February 6, 2025 HSMC Meeting Minutes as presented.

📎 [02.06.25 MEETING MINUTES.pdf](#)

Motion

The Historic Site & Monument Commission approved the February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Austin Rojas

Second: Eileen Baker

Kristopher Monroe - Not Present

Eileen Baker - Aye

Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD - Abstain

Samuel Alai - Not Present

Austin Rojas - Aye

Randy Tate - Aye

III. Regular Agenda

2. Petition of Doretha Rice & Jaceln Johnson | 25-001257-HM | Essex Avenue Between 2nd Ave and Corvair Street | Honorary Street Naming

📎 [Submittal Packet - Essex Avenue Between 2nd Ave and Corvair Street.pdf](#)

[🔗 Staff Report - 24-001257- Doretha Rice & Jaceln Johnson - Annie B. Graham Honorary Street Naming.pdf](#)

Motion

The Historic Site and Monument Commission recommend approval to the Savannah City Council for an Honorary Street Designation as requested because the proposed honorary street designation meets the standards within Article E- Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Randy Tate

Second: Eileen Baker

Kristopher Monroe	- Not Present
Eileen Baker	- Aye
Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD	- Abstain
Samuel Alai	- Not Present
Austin Rojas	- Aye
Randy Tate	- Aye

3. Petition of Living Walls | 25-001346-PA | 920 Chatham Drive | Mural

[🔗 Submittal Packet - 920 Chatham Dr.pdf](#)

[🔗 Staff Report - 25-001346-PA 920 Chatham Pkwy.pdf](#)

Motion

The Historic Site and Monument Commission does hereby approve the mural installation at 920 Chatham Parkway with the following condition to be reviewed and approved by staff prior to starting the work because otherwise it meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art.

Ensure that the mural has a weatherproof or vandalism resistant coating.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Austin Rojas

Second: Eileen Baker

Kristopher Monroe	- Not Present
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Eileen Baker	- Aye
Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD	- Abstain
Samuel Alai	- Not Present
Austin Rojas	- Aye
Randy Tate	- Aye

[4. Petition of Living Walls | 25-001347-PA | 25 Janet Drive | Mural](#)

📎 [Submittal Packet - 25 Janet Dr.pdf](#)

📎 [Staff Report - 25-001347-PA 25 Janet Dr.pdf](#)

Motion

The Historic Site and Monument Commission does hereby approve the mural installation at 25 Janet Drive with the following condition to be reviewed and approved by staff prior to starting the work because otherwise it meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art.

Ensure that the mural has a weatherproof or vandalism resistant coating.

Vote Results (Approved)

Motion: Austin Rojas

Second: Randy Tate

Kristopher Monroe	- Not Present
Eileen Baker	- Aye
Catherine D. Kostilnik, PhD	- Abstain
Samuel Alai	- Not Present
Austin Rojas	- Aye
Randy Tate	- Aye

IV. Other Business

[5. Staff Decision - 25-001129-MON](#)

📎 [Staff Decision 25-001129-MON - Oglethorpe Bench.pdf](#)

V. Adjournment

[6. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 4 PM - 112 East State Street: Mendonsa Hearing Room](#)

[7. Adjourn](#)

Motion

The Historic Site and Monument Commission adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Vote Results (Not Started)

Motion:

Second:

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.